

more than one point of view. But it seems to us that if the President of that country permitted his daughter to marry a Jew—we need have no fears as to that country's attitude towards its Jews. President Masaryk has been friendly to his Jewish countrymen—but being friendly is one thing; to permit his own flesh and blood to marry a Jew is another. Aside from the distinction that comes to the individual, in this case, Dr. Borsky, the matter is, we believe, a most hopeful sign for our co-religionists in the new republic.

#### ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES IN MYEDZNA—RABBI HALPERN'S INTERPELLATION IN POLISH POET.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Rabbi Halpern introduced an interpellation in the Polish diet at its session today, calling for investigation and punishment of those guilty of anti-Jewish excesses in the town of Myedzna, district of Vegrov, on August 19th last. The interpellation recites the following facts: When the Polish army re-occupied Myedzna, a delegation representing the Jewish Kehillah, and headed by Rabbi Baruch Hepner, came to pay homage to the Polish army leaders. The delegation was overtaken by armed peasants who purloined the shoes and clothing of the delegates, while soldiers and officers looked on without a word of protest. On the next day four soldiers took the Rabbi together with four Jews, named Nechemia Silbernagel, Chaim Kabatkin, Wolf Silbernagel and Berel Magid, harnessed them to a wagon and drove them like horses through the town, the soldiers in the wagon whipping the rabbi, after which the four other Jews were made to dance and jump before a big crowd which assembled in front of the wagon. The crowd began to pull the beards of all except the Rabbi. After the occurrence the following Jews were arrested: Verner, Beril Kazef, Moishe Zukerman, Shulim Gukerman, Samuel Hochberg and Leiser Koziol. They were beaten until they fell unconscious, except Hochberg and Verner, who were able to retain full control of themselves. The latter were whipped with "nagaiake's" on their naked bodies until they lost consciousness and when they recovered they were beaten again. The Jews begged the Polish officer to shoot them rather than submit to such cruelties, but the officer replied that such death would be too light for them.

On the 23rd of August the torture of the rabbi and the above mentioned Jews was resumed by the soldiery. All were lined up before a crowd, their beards were pulled again, they were compelled to carry soldiers on their backs, jump and dance and make themselves ridiculous before the people. Since that time the situation of Jews in Myedzna has become unbearable, and the Gentiles of the town, otherwise friendly neighbors, lost all respect for their Jewish fellow-citizens.

The soldiers were not punished and they keep on annoying the Jews every day.

Rabbi Halpern, in his interpellation appeals to the War Minister to remedy the situation and to bring the offenders to justice so that Jews and non-Jews of the town may resume their former friendly relations.

#### THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Chautauqua Society was held this week. Reports of the activities of the work indicate the continued scope and growing usefulness in which the society is engaged. The report of the lecture course for summer schools in the universities was presented. Forty-seven lectures were given in eighteen universities. It was decided to continue the expansion of this work on a larger basis than ever heretofore, for the need and value of this important activity in which the Society has been engaged since 1910 is made evident through the letters received in the office and reports from the Directors of the Universities, as well as the teachers, professors and students who were in attendance. No stronger method can be used to combat anti-Semitism, up-root the painful ignorance about and the prevailing prejudice against the Jew than by teaching a broader, more sympathetic interpretation of the history of the Jewish people.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly, which will be held in Cleveland, O., December 26 to 30, will be one of the most successful in the history of the Society. The Secretary returned from a tour in New York State, Connecticut, Indiana and Kentucky, and reported wide-spread and general interest as well as an assured delegation from these states. She is now on a tour in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Mr. Arthur K. Stern of Philadelphia was elected president to succeed Dr. Jacob S. Goldbaum.

The revised edition of Dr. Julius H. Greenstone's book on "The Jewish Religion" is now ready for general distribution and sale. It has been carefully prepared with a view to its use in Jewish homes and schools, and for the non-Jewish reader as well. The book is embellished with a number of illustrations in sepia.

#### UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA CONVENTION.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the United Synagogue of America, and the Fourth Annual Convention of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, will take place in New York City on January 16th. Extensive preparations are being made by the various branches in the different parts of the country and by the National Office to make this the most noteworthy convention in the history of the organization.

The officers of the synagogue are: Founder, Professor Solomon Schechter; President, Doctor Elias L. Solomon; Vice Presidents, Professor Louis Ginsberg, Professor M. M. Kaplan, Dr. Herman Abramovitz, Dr. Chas. E. H. Kauvar; Treasurer, Mr. Harry Krulowitch; Corresponding Secretary, Rabbi Charles I. Hoffman; Executive Director, Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen.

The officers of the Women's League are: Honorary President, Mrs. Solomon Schechter; President, Mrs. Charles I. Hoffman; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Cyrus Adler, Mrs. Benjamin Davis, Mrs. Jacob Kohn, Mrs. Israel Unterberg; Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel H. Hyman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Samuel Spiegel.

#### JEW MEMBER OF TEMPORARY VILNA GOVERNMENT.

Kovno, Oct. 22.—(Special Cable to

I. J. P. B.) In the temporary government of the city of Vilna, a Jew, W. Abramovitch, holds the post of Director of Internal Affairs.

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